

Life of **ABRAHAM
LINCOLN**



*From Log Cabin
to the
White House*

"GOD BLESS MY MOTHER, ALL THAT I AM OR
EVER HOPE TO BE, I OWE TO MY ANGEL MOTHER"

BORN 1809 DIED 1865

A. Lincoln

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POSTAGE

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WITHOUT
MESSAGE

Greetings from



The Old Log Court House,
where Abraham Lincoln Practiced Law,
Fairview Park, Decatur, Illinois

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LINCOLN FARM, NEAR HODGENVILLE, KY.



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I WAS BORN FEB. 12. 1809 IN HARDIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY. MY PARENTS WERE BOTH BORN IN VIRGINIA. MY MOTHER WHO DIED IN MY TENTH YEAR WAS OF A FAMILY OF THE NAME OF HANKS. MY FATHER AT THE DEATH OF HIS FATHER WAS BUT SIX YEARS OF AGE, AND HE GREW UP, LITERALLY WITHOUT EDUCATION. HE REMOVED FROM KENTUCKY TO WHAT IS NOW SPENCER COUNTY, INDIANA, IN MY EIGHTH YEAR. WE REACHED OUR NEW HOME ABOUT THE TIME THE STATE CAME INTO THE UNION. IT WAS A WILD REGION, WITH MANY BEARS AND OTHER WILD ANIMALS, STILL IN THE WOODS. THERE I GREW UP. THERE WERE SOME SCHOOLS, SO CALLED, THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO EXCITE AMBITION FOR EDUCATION. OF COURSE WHEN I CAME OF AGE I DID NOT KNOW MUCH. STILL, SOMEHOW, I COULD READ, WRITE, AND CIPHER TO THE RULE OF THREE, BUT THAT WAS ALL. THE LITTLE ADVANCE I NOW HAVE UPON THIS STORE OF EDUCATION, I HAVE PICKED UP FROM TIME TO TIME UNDER THE PRESSURE OF NECESSITY.

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Inscription in Memorial Hall

LINCOLN CABIN, BIRTHPLACE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, KENTUCKY



Hill-McNamar (McNeil) Store, New Salem State Park, Lincoln's New Salem, Ill.



Hill Residence, Hill-McNamar (McNeil) Store, Berry-Lincoln Store, Lukins and Ferguson Residence



DR. ALLEN, LUKINS-FERGUSON RESIDENCES, DR. REGNIER OFFICE, HILL RESIDENCE, HILL-McNAMAR (McNEIL) STORE.



Interior, Berry-Lincoln Store, New Salem State Park, Lincoln's New Salem, Ill.



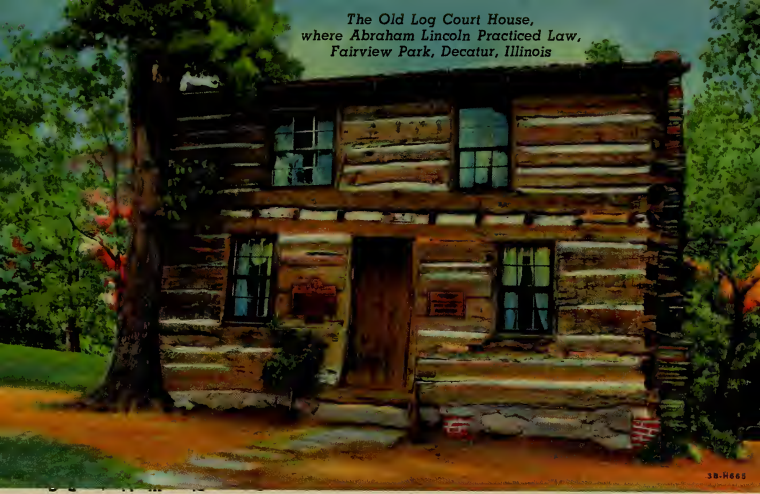
The Restored Offut Store



ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S HOME, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.



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LINCOLN, THE PRESIDENT



Onstot's Cooper Shop and Residence, New Salem State Park, Lincoln's New Salem, Ill.



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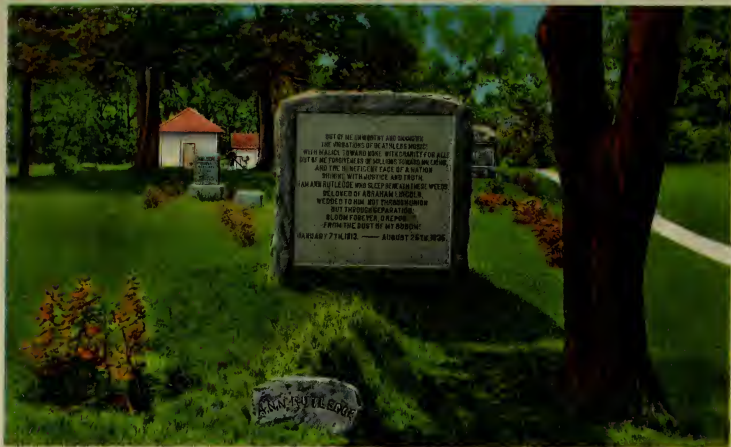
INTERIOR OF LINCOLN MONUMENT, OAK RIDGE CEMETERY, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.



LINCOLN MEMORIAL HALL ON LINCOLN FARM, NEAR HODGENVILLE, KY.



THE GRAVE OF ANN RUTLEDGE AT PETERSBURG, ILL., WITH POEM BY EDGAR LEE MASTERS



OUT OF ME UNMORTAL AND DOUGHTY
THE VIBRATIONS OF BEATFULNESS
WITH WALACE TOWARD MORE WITH CHARITY FOR ALL
OUT OF ME FORGIVENESS OF SOLLERS TOWARD MANKIND
AND THE INEFFICIENT FACE OF A NATION
SHINING WITH JUSTICE AND TRUTH
I AM ANN RUTLEDGE WHO SLEPT BENEATH THESE WEEDS
BELOVED OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN
WEDDED TO HIM NOT THROUGH UNION
BUT THROUGH SEPARATION
BLOOM FOREVER, O REMOVED
FROM THE DUST OF MY OBSCURE
JANUARY 7TH 1812 — AUGUST 25TH 1835

ANN RUTLEDGE

REPLICA
of first
**RUTLEDGE & CAMERON
MILL—1829**
New Salem, Menard County,
Illinois

ERECTED BY
ROBERT CLARY BUCKLEY



Lincoln Memorial near Potomac River, Washington, D. C.



LINCOLN MARRIAGE CABIN, PIONEER MEMORIAL STATE PARK, HARRODSBURG, KY.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

In his plain, unassuming manner Abraham Lincoln wrote in his autobiography as follows:

At twenty-one, I came to Illinois, and passed the first year in Macon County. Then I got to New Salem, at that time in Sangamon, now in Menard County, where I remained a year as sort of a clerk in a store. Then came the Black Hawk war, and I was elected a Captain of Volunteers, a success which gave me more pleasure than any I have had since. I went (through) the campaign, was elated, ran for the Legislature the same year (1832), and was beaten—the only time I have ever been beaten by the people. The next and three succeeding biennial elections, I was elected to the Legislature. I was not a candidate afterwards. During this Legislative period, I had studied law, and removed to Springfield to practise it. In 1846, I was once elected to the Lower House of Congress. Was not a candidate for reelection. From 1849 to 1854, both inclusive, practised law more assiduously than ever before. Always a Whig in politics, and generally on the Whig electoral tickets, making active canvasses. I was losing interest in politics, when the repeal of the Missouri Compromise aroused me again. What I have done since then is pretty well known.

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chronies and told stories, the Onstott Cooper Shop, rebuilt with the original logs and on the original site, where Lincoln studied law at night by the light of shavings.

When all of the long ago log cabins had been completed, the village was dedicated with state-wide ceremonies and a great historical pageant. The dedication took place on September 6-7, 1918. Later the recreated village was taken over by the State of Illinois and made a state park, and a museum and a caretaker's home was built. In the museum are many Lincoln relics, a valuable and wonderfully interesting collection. Among them are the saddle bags which Lincoln used when riding the circuit of Illinois towns as a country lawyer, during which time he tried some historic cases. One was the famous Duff Armstrong murder trial.

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Lincoln Tomb, Springfield, Ill.

